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1. PERMDEL RESPONSE REQUESTED REFTEL (B) TO WYNTER'S
ADVICE (REFTEL (A)) RE TACTICS FOR SUBJECT ISSUE IS
THAT WE CONCUR WITH WYNTER'S MAIN SUGGESTION THAT PRO-
POSED RESOLUTION NOT BE BROUGHT UP EARLY IN THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION AND THAT FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER
PROBABLY BEST TIME.

2. HOWEVER, PERMDEL DOES NOT AGREE THAT US SHOULD, OR
INDEED REALISTICALLY COULD, BE IN THE BACKGROUND IN
PROCEDURE FOR INTRODUCING THE RELEVANT DRAFT RESOLUTION.
WE SUGGEST INSTEAD THAT OTHER WEO'S BE APPROACHED TO
JOINTLY INTRODUCE THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION, I.E. IN
UNESCO PARLANCE "CO-SPONSOR", WITH US. USG INTEREST IN
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GETTING FORWARD MOVEMENT ON EUROPEAN REGIONAL ISSUE IS

WIDELY KNOWN AND, INDEED, WAS PUBLICLY SIGNALLED IN OUR STATEMENT AT LAST EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION PROTESTING ABSENCE OF ISRAEL AMONG INVITEES TO A DIPLOMA EQUITY CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN AND ARAB MEDITERRANEAN STATES. US ATTEMPT TO STAY IN BACKGROUND WOULD BE UNSUCCESSFUL AND MISUNDERSTOOD BECAUSE OF ESTABLISHED US IDENTIFICATION AS STRONGEST ADVOCATE OF ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. MOREOVER, WEO'S ON EXBD MIGHT BALK AT RUNNING OBVIOUS RISK OF BEING LABELLED US "FRONT MEN". FINALLY AS US WILL ONLY PROCEED WITH RESOLUTION INITIATIVE IF SUCCESS REASONABLY ASSURED, WE SEE NO REASON TO DOWNPLAY FACT THAT US HAS TAKEN LEAD IN CONCERT WITH LIKE-MINDED MEMBER STATES TO REPAIR AT LEAST SOME OF DAMAGE DONE BY 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE DECISIONS RE ISRAEL.

3. INSTEAD, AS WYNTER AND WE PREVIOUSLY HAVE PROPOSED, THERE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATE SOUNDINGS IN CAPITALS OF WEO'S ON EXBD AND AUSTRALIA TO LINE UP SOLID SUPPORT FOR CO-SPONSORSHIP OF DRAFT RESOLUTION, OR AT MINIMUM, FIRM AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE VIGOROUS PUBLIC SUPPORT AT BOARD SESSION AS WELL AS VOTES FOR ITS PASSAGE. THE SINE QUA NON OF PROCEEDING WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION AT THIS BOARD SESSION CONTINUES TO BE STRONG WEO SUPPORT AS OUTLINED ABOVE AND ASSURANCES OF ENOUGH VOTES FROM OTHER BOARD MEMBERS THAT RESOLUTION WILL PASS IF INTRODUCED. ACCORDINGLY, IT MIGHT BE STRESSED IN DEMARCHE MADE THAT US DOES NOT INTEND UNDERTAKE AN INITIATIVE MERELY FOR SAKE OF MOTION BUT WILL ONLY PROCEED IF THERE REASONABLE ASSURANCES OF SUCCESS. PERMDEL ANTICIPATES THAT WEO'S MAY ASK IF PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION WILL BE SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR US TO RESUME PAYMENT OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO. INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEMARCHE MIGHT THEREFORE INCLUDE POINT THAT WE CANNOT PREDICT CONGRESSIONAL MOOD BUT PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION WOULD AT LEAST BE IMPORTANT, IF NOT FINAL, STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION.

4. PERMDEL WOULD AGAIN STRESS, AS IN PAST SUGGESTIONS FOR TACTICS THIS ISSUE, THAT CLIMATE IN MIDDLE EAST
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AT TIME OF BOARD SESSION WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR SUCCESS OF THIS INITIATIVE.

5. RE LANGUAGE OF SUGGESTED DRAFT RESOLUTION (PARA 4 REFTEL (C)) WE WONDER EXACTLY WHAT "TIDYING UP" WYNTER MAY HAVE IN MIND. WHILE DRAFT RESOLUTION COULD CONCEIVABLY BE GARNISHED WITH A FEW MORE REFERENCES TO INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, IDEALS OF

UNESCO CONSTITUTION, ETC., WE DO NOT THINK THAT MAIN THRUST, I.E. A STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE ACCORD REGIONAL GROUP MEMBERSHIP TO STATES NOT YET INCLUDED, SHOULD BE DILUTED. TEXT AS

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IT STANDS IS INNOCUOUS IN EXPLICIT TERMS ALTHOUGH IMPLICIT IMPACT DIRECTLY CENTERS ON ISRAEL BY VIRTUE THAT IT THE ONLY MEMBER STATE NOT YET INCLUDED IN A REGIONAL ACTIVITY GROUP. IN SUM, PERMDEL BELIEVES US CAN ACCEPT ANY SUGAR COATING THAT WYNTER OR OTHERS MIGHT HAVE IN MIND BUT NOT SUBSTANTIVE DILUTION OF ALREADY MILD MEDICINE.

6. RE COUNTRIES SUGGESTED FOR SPECIAL FOCUS BY WYNTER (PARA 2 REFTEL (A)), WE WOULD INCLUDE NEPAL AMONG ASIAN COUNTRIES AND AMONG AFRICANS ADD TOGO, DAHOMEY, SENEGAL, KENYA. UGANDA SEEMS AN OBVIOUS NON-STARTER AND SHOULD BE DELETED FROM LIST. FURTHER, WE QUESTION THE ADVISABILITY OF A DEMARCHE OF MORE THAN AN FYI NATURE TO CHILEANS WHO SWING NO WEIGHT WHATSOEVER THIS BOARD AND WHO FOLLOW OTHER LA'S

LEAD IN ANY CASE. OTHERWISE, WE STRONGLY SECOND
WYNTER'S SUGGESTION RE LA'S AND OTHER REGIONAL
GROUPINGS.

7. PERMDEL REQUESTS PERMISSION TO BEGIN DEMARCHE
AMONG WEO'S AND OTHER PERMDELS WHO HAVE MEMBERS ON THE
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EXBD. INDEED, THEIR PERMDELS HAVE BEGUN QUERYING US
AS TO OUR PLANS FOR AN INITIATIVE AT THIS BOARD
SESSION AND WE HAVE RESPONDED THAT WE MAY UNDERTAKE
SOMETHING BUT ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OTHER
MEMBER STATES. DEMARCHE HERE WILL, OF COURSE, BE
SECONDARY, BUT SUPPORTIVE TO KEY DEMARCHE TO BE MADE
IN CAPITALS. WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH TIME AND POLITICAL
FACTORS NECESSITATE STRAIGHTFORWARD APPROACH SO
THAT US CAN OBTAIN SOONEST AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF
CHANCES OF SUCCESS FOR THIS INITIATIVE.

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